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OPPOSITION TO POTTER.

Trouble Developing Over the Wheelmen's Presidential Election.

New York, Dec. 21.—Opposition to the candidacy of J. R. Potter for reelection as president of the L. A. W. has developed. Sterling Elliott, of Boston, is directing the opposition, and seems to have a fair following. George D. Giddon, of Philadelphia, ex-chairman of the racing board, is Elliott's favorite.

Pugilist Crook's Death Accidental.

London, Dec. 21.—"Jimmy" Barry, the Chicago pugilist, and his confederates, his second, White, and a number of attaches of the National Sporting Club, who were under arrest upon a charge of manslaughter, because of the death of Walter Crook, as the result of a twenty-round bout with Barry on December 6, were formally discharged in the Bow street police court today.

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ATHLETES AT A SMOKER

Local Boxers at the Washington Athletic Clubhouse Last Night.

A Wilmington Youngster Had a Draw and Then Issued a Challenge to Arthur Jones.

The first "athletic smoker" of the year of the Washington Athletic Club was given in the large clubhouse of that organization, 1339 South Capitol street, last night. There was a large attendance. The feature of the evening was a series of glove contests of three rounds each.

In the first bout John Maloney and Stagger quit the game with about equal honors.

The second bout was a short and interesting one between John Dougherty and Pos. Holloran. They boxed more for points than for the purpose of delivering telling blows. The star of the evening was between Farrell, Wilmington's "Young Fowl," and Spike Sullivan, the "Black Diamond" of this city. The bout was declared a draw. Farrell announced that he was ready to meet Arthur Jones, who holds the lightweight championship of the District.

The fourth bout was between Dave Ciel and the champion feather-weight of the Middle States, who fought Dave Hawkins in a preliminary to one of the Sharkey fights, and John Dugan, of the W. A. C. 14th men put a exhibition. John Dugan getting the better of his opponent in the first two rounds, only to have the tactics turned on him in the last round.

Pat O'Connor and Ed Shade were the principals in the fifth bout, and the honors went to the former.

Pepton, of Washington, and Coleman, of Baltimore, two 160-pound-class men, made a lively go of the sixth bout, the Baltimorean getting the decision.

The seventh event, a catch-as-catch-can wrestling match, Roy Mackey and Joe Grant, of the W. A. C., was won by Mackey after a strenuous struggle.

Jack Dempsey and Dick Egan were the eighth attraction, and Pat Raddy and John Dugan gave the wind-up.

COBBETT WILL VISIT FITZ.

It Will Be for the Purpose of Repeating His Request for a Fight.

New York, Dec. 21.—Although it is generally believed among the sporting fraternity that Fitzsimmons means to stick to his determination not to fight again, still Jim Cobbett is of the opinion that his competitor will fight him again. The ex-champion, who at Dan Stuart's company with his brother, Tom, today, Cobbett told Stuart that he wanted to fight Fitzsimmons in the worst way, and hoped a match would be made.

"I think, Dan," said Cobbett, "that if he wants to fight me you are the man to bring us together. If you are going West I could like to accompany you, and then I can learn exactly how he stands in the matter."

When Stuart declared that such a thing would be unbusinesslike, as it would create an impression that he (Stuart) was forcing Fitzsimmons into another battle, Cobbett said:

"Well, if I don't go with you, I'll go alone and I'll see him myself. I'll go to Chicago, tell him what I want, and if he says that he cannot accommodate me I will see him."

Stuart expects to hear from either Julian or Fitzsimmons tomorrow, and if the news is encouraging he will go to Chicago at once.

Cobbett left for Cincinnati tonight. He will not return East again, he says, until next May.

BURGE WINS ON A FOUL.

Gets the Purse in a Tame Encounter at Birmingham.

Birmingham, England, Dec. 21.—The fight between Dick O'Brien and Dick Burge, which the articles provided should be a twenty-round go for a purse of \$3,250 and stakes amounting to \$4,500, took place tonight at the Olympic Sporting Club in this city. The affair was very tame, O'Brien was causing the favorite of the night, and he was winning the fight on a foul.

Burge slipped in the fourth round, O'Brien's corner, where the water had been slopped on the boards. O'Brien struck him lightly, whereupon Burge claimed a foul, which was allowed.

Nose Finish at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 21.—The nose finish between J. A. Grey and Gath, in the six and one-half furlong race, the third on the program, created much enthusiasm today.

Grey's speed was wonderful, and causing the favorite of the night, beat him out a nose.

First race—Seven and one-half furlongs. Sister Stella, even, won; Bridgeton, a good; Little Ocean, third. Time, 1:39.

Second race—Five furlongs. O'Brien, 10 to 1, won; Benjamine II, second; Coddie C, third. Time, 1:03 1/2.

Third race—Six and one-half furlongs. J. A. Grey, 6 to 5, won; Gath, second; Judge Steadman, third. Time, 1:22 1/2.

Fourth race—One mile. Longbeula, even, won; Traub, second; Ardath, third. Time, 1:45.

Fifth race—Six furlongs. Minnie Murphy, 6 to 5, won; Alice C, second; Nikita, third. Time, 1:17 1/2.

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